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§6–109.

(a) In a municipal infraction proceeding:

(1) the District Court shall confirm that the defendant has received a copy of and understands the charges;

(2) the defendant may enter a plea of guilty or not guilty;

(3) the District Court shall apply the evidentiary standards provided by law or rule for the trial of a civil case;

(4) the defendant may:

(i) cross-examine witnesses;

(ii) produce evidence or witnesses on the defendant's own behalf;

(iii) testify; and

(iv) be represented by counsel of the defendant's choice and at the defendant's expense; and

(5) the municipality has the burden to prove by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant has committed the infraction.

(b) The District Court may:

(1) enter a verdict of guilty or not guilty; or

(2) before entering a verdict, place the defendant on probation.

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